



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5701

January Session, 2001

**AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AND REFUSALS
OF THE USE OF PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS BY CHILDREN.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) Each local and regional board of education shall
2 adopt and implement policies (1) prohibiting any school personnel
3 from recommending the use of psychotropic drugs for any child, and
4 (2) requiring that if school personnel perceive that a child may have a
5 behavioral or psychological problem, a letter shall be sent to the parent
6 or other person having control of the child recommending that an
7 appropriate medical or behavioral health evaluation be conducted by a
8 licensed physician.

9 Sec. 2. (NEW) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes
10 or the regulations of Connecticut state agencies, the refusal of a parent
11 or other person having control of a child to administer or consent to
12 the administration of any psychotropic drug to such child shall not, in
13 and of itself, constitute grounds for the Department of Children and
14 Families to take such child into custody or for any court of competent
15 jurisdiction to order that such child be taken into custody by the
16 department.

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*

JUD *Joint Favorable*

HS *Joint Favorable*